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EXCON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ESTC, YO

SUBJECT: EXCON MEETING WITH GOY

REF: A/ BELGRADE 5900, B/BELGRADE 5880, C/ STATE 224794

1. WE AGREE COMPLETELY WITH IAG THAT MEETING MUST BE HELD WITH THE MINIMUM DELAY CONSONANT WITH GREATEST VALUE TO USG.

2. WE SEE PROPOSED MEETING AS PROTOTYPE FOR OUR FUTURE CONTACTS AND ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO FORM, LEVEL AND QUALITY OF REPRESENTATION AND CODIFICATION OF AGREED PROCEDURES, BECAUSE THESE, FINALLY, WILL BE MOST IMPRESSIVE TO GOY.

3. SINCE WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY HAVE PUT IN CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT ON CONVINCING GOY OF NECESSITY OF THIS MEETING, WE FEEL THAT STOOPING JUST SHORT OF OUR GOAL (I.E., APPOINTMENT OF POLICY LEVEL LEADER FOR GOY DEL) MIGHT JEOPARDIZE FUTURE CONSULTATIONS AND SERVE AS UNINTENTIONAL SIGNAL TO GOY WHICH IS ALWAYS READY TO SEE WEAKNESS IN COMPROMISE. WE HAVE INFORMED CHAMBER OF ECONOMY (RUPNIK) OF OUR STRONG INTEREST IN AN EARLY MEETING AS SOON AS SNUDERL OR SOMEONE OF EQUIVALENT POLICY INFLUENCE IS AVAILABLE.

4. A GOOD DEAL OF THE TIME AND EFFORT HAS GONE INTO BUILDING THE USG POLICY POSITION AND MAINTENANCE OF THIS POSITION'S

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CREDIBILITY SHOULD JUSTIFY THE CONTINUING EFFORT TO GET

GOY TO FIELD A DELEGATION WITH SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE WITHIN
GOY TO COMMAND POLICY LEVEL ATTENTION.

5. STATE 216374 TOOK STRONG POSITION ON ISSUES
AND SUGGESTED TACTICS FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF USG OBJECTIVES WHICH
WENT BEYOND WHAT EMBASSY HAD RECOMMENDED. ON THE ISSUE OF
COMPOSITION OF GOY DELEGATION, WHICH WE REGARD AS KEY IN
SETTING TONE FOR DISCUSSIONS AND IN ASSURING ADEQUATE GOY
ATTENTION TO PROBLEM, LINE SEEMS TO HAVE SOFTENED. WE
CANNOT HELP NOTING THESE APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES AND WONDER
WHAT THEY PORTEND.
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